
Park Area Neighbourhood Management Update

Briefing Note of the Assistant Director - Neighbourhoods and Housing

1. Purpose of the Briefing Note and Summary

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Park Area Committee on ward activity across the Area.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Co-ordinators consult, involve and work closely with Ward Members, residents and partner agencies to develop and implement plans that address priorities and meet the needs of local communities. This paper summarises such activity.

3. Holderness ward

3.1 Achievements

- 3.1.1 Inspections have now been completed of all noticeboards across the ward and repairs to some have been ordered. They will continue to be updated regularly with current information.
- 3.1.2 Bollards to prevent inconsiderate parking have been installed on James Reckitt Avenue, Summergangs Road, Lorraine Street and Lawrence Avenue after requests were made by residents. The works have been funded through the ward budget.
- 3.1.3 A new road sign has now been installed on Lake Drive. This will help to ensure that the location of certain properties is clearly marked for delivery drivers, visitors and emergency services.
- 3.1.4 Ward budget has been allocated to fund free books every month for a year for all four-year-olds across the ward through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This will allow children to enhance their reading ability before and during their school years.

3.2 Progress Updates

- 3.2.1 Orders have now been raised using Ward funds to supply bike locks and safety packs to Holderness Ward residents after a spike in bike theft across the ward. The locks will be available at public events to help prevent further occurrences of theft.
- 3.2.2 Discussions are ongoing with colleagues in the Council's Parks and Open Spaces Team around the possibilities of using Ward funds to upgrade play equipment at a number of locations across the Ward.
- 3.2.3 Designs are being finalised for a new sign to be installed at the East Park Veterans Pavilion on Holderness Road as the current sign is now weathered and not fit for purpose.

3.3 Future Plans

- 3.3.1 Ward funds are being allocated to allow a hanging basket event to take place next year involving all primary schools across the Ward. This will allow each child in specific year groups to make and take home a hanging basket or plant to look after.
- 3.3.2 Summer events are being developed to bring communities together and allow residents the opportunity to discuss any problems they may have with Ward Members and partners. Residents will also have the opportunity to bring bikes to be security marked to help prevent cycle theft.
- 3.3.3 Further locations are being investigated for Defibrillators to be installed in addition to the ones already funded and installed across the ward.

4. Marfleet Ward

4.1 Achievements

- 4.1.1 Two community days were held at St Stephen's Neighbourhood Centre and Marfleet Community Centre in May and June. Residents were invited to attend to discuss issues of concerns with the Ward Councillors, Neighbourhood Team and partner agencies. Residents also had the opportunity to bring their cycles for road safety checks; all minor repairs were completed free of charge.
- 4.1.2 Ward funding was allocated to various community groups/schools, who during the height of the pandemic, continued to provide much needed resources to the local community. The funding will allow the groups to continue to provide support to all local residents.

4.2 Progress Updates

4.2.1 A brief has been agreed to go out for tender for a mini masterplan for Elmbridge Parade. The mini masterplan will be developed to help reinvigorate the area including upgrading the external appearance of the Elmbridge Parade, which in turn will respond to the needs of the community. Consultation will take place with key stakeholders including the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) and wider public sector partners working towards meeting key priorities within the Corporate Plan.

4.2.2 Within the mini masterplan for Elmbridge Parade, the physical environment elements in scope include, but are not limited to:

- Estate parade shops
- Public realm
- Green space
- Car parks
- Bus stops
- Lighting
- Public sector owned land and buildings
- Understanding of plans for privately owned land and buildings
- Street furniture

The scope for future projects for consideration are to include, but not limited to:

- Co-location opportunities across public sector and VCSE partners
- Increase in employment land
- Increase in residential units
- Designs to increase safety, though without target hardening unless absolutely necessary

4.2.3 Working in partnership with Customer Services, a meeting was held with the Ward Members to discuss the establishment of a pilot project which will create a 'Greatfield Hub' on Elmbridge parade. The Hub will enable residents to access help on key issues e.g. Housing, CAB, Customer Services, Health, PROBE, Police etc. A Feasibility study undertaken by NPS has identified that the preferred accommodation of the Information Point for the Hub will be not be available until the end of the year; a short term option will be to utilise an empty shop unit on the Parade as a temporary provision.

4.2.4 Work to the play area on St John's Grove is in the final stages of completion. All the new equipment has been installed, the existing benches have been refurbished and the play markings have been installed. The installation of the new brightly coloured seating is imminent which will complete the project.

4.3 Future Plans

- 4.3.1 Costs have been requested to schedule 7 x Bring Out Your Rubbish Days in 2023. Once costs have been confirmed and funding secured, the dates will be finalised.
- 4.3.2 Further Community Days are to be scheduled to ensure that all residents within the ward have the opportunity to meet with Ward Members, Neighbourhood Team and partner agencies to discuss issues of concern.
- 4.4.3 A memorial bench for bereaved families who have lost loved ones to suicide, has been proposed for installation in Eastern Cemetery. The bench will provide all residents of the city, a place of reflection, especially for those who have no grave to visit.

5. Southcoates Ward

5.1 Achievements

- 5.1.1 Ward forums in partnership with the Neighbourhood Team, Ward Councillors, Neighbourhood Nuisance Team and Humberside Police have recommenced at St Johns Church.
- 5.1.2 In response to residents' concerns, Ward Councillors, Neighbourhood Team and Highways colleagues held a meeting at the Guildhall followed by a site meeting to look into options around parking on Aberdeen Street. This followed results of a letter drop to all properties.
- 5.1.3 Ward funding has been allocated for a bike shed at Southcoates Primary School. This will encourage healthy activity and more children to cycle or scooter to school and not have a fear of their property being stolen.
- 5.1.4 In response to high levels of resident complaints regarding road safety on both Boulton Grove and Lodge Street, site visits were undertaken. This resulted in Ward funding being allocated for a Traffic Regulation Order to install double yellow line on the junctions.

5.2 Progress Updates

- 5.2.1 The Council's Highways Team has visited the area of Maybury Primary School to look into options to improve children's safety from speeding cars and cars mounting pavements. Ward funding for any project would be split equally between the Southcoates and Ings Wards; any measures will supplement signage already installed.
- 5.2.2 Footpath and carriageway improvements were completed on Westerdale Grove, Oban Avenue, Whitworth Street and Kelvin Street.

5.2.3 Inspections have now been completed of all noticeboards across the ward and a new noticeboard will be installed at the former David Lister site. They will continue to be updated regularly with relevant information.

5.3 Future Plans

5.3.1 A series of 6 Bring out your rubbish day events which will encompass the whole ward have been funded using the Ward budget and dates agreed.

5.3.2 The Council's Parks & Open Spaces Team have submitted plans and costings for the installation of new play equipment and fencing on Lorenzo Field. A resident consultation event will be held imminently with those residents who requested further involvement in developing the site.

5.3.3 Ward members are working with the Council's Parks and Open Spaces Team and residents to improve the play equipment and dog walking area on Rosmead Park. Quotes are in for repairs and plans are ready to be approved for consideration by the Ward Councillors.

6. Park Area Update

6.1 Neighbourhood Co-ordinators have been tasked to prioritise discussions with Ward Members to identify potential Ward budget projects.

6.2 Ward and Area Tasking Partnership meetings continue. Updates will be provided to Ward Members through Ward briefings.

6.3 The Neighbourhood Team Twitter pages continue to prove a success, both partner agencies and internal Council Service Areas are utilising them more frequently in order to get messages across. Each team ensures that a minimum of 3 tweets a day and 3 Facebook entries a week are posted. Posts are reaching in excess of 12k views.

6.4 The Neighbourhood Team will continue to work with organisations and Ward Councillors to identify Social Action Projects for consideration by organisations such as Community Payback, Tiger's Trust and the Business Sector.

6.5 With the lifting of COVID restrictions, opportunities to engage with residents are being explored. Unfortunately, the Community Consultation Bus previously used to host such events is no longer available.

6.6 Neighbourhood Co-ordinators are visiting all Council Community Centres to support the completion of a 'Health Check' survey. The

findings will form the basis of Centre specific actions and also inform the progression of a Community Centre Strategy for the City.

- 6.7 Ward Plans produced for the last quarter of 2021/22 have been posted on the Neighbourhood Team pages on the Council's website. Neighbourhood Co-ordinators are holding discussions at Ward level in finalising Ward Plans for 22/23 that will identify priorities for action up to April, 2023.
- 6.8 A paper will be tabled at the September Area Committee meeting to provide an overview of matters relating to cost of living/debt issues, food poverty, fuel poverty and healthy cooking on a budget. In each of these areas the paper will outline the main issues people are facing, and some information that is specific to the Park area. The paper will include examples of services and projects currently available to support residents, together with information on where to find further detail.
- 6.9 As a supplement to the above paper, a summary of groups serving the Park Area will be tabled at the September meeting to provide a bigger picture of the networks in place across the Park Area.

7. **Next Steps**

- 7.1 The Neighbourhood Team continues to work closely with Ward Councillors, local residents, community groups and partner agencies to identify issues and deliver solutions.

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